

Adoption of the Incident Command System for use in Animal Emergencies

**Thinking Synergistically:
A Multi-Agency Approach to
Emergency Response**

Low Path Avian Influenza in Virginia



Emergency preparedness requires that we “think big”

- Mobilization of large-scale resources
- Address worst-case scenarios
- Locally based, nationally coordinated
- Animal Emergency Response Organization

Foot and Mouth Disease in the United Kingdom 2001



Incident Command System (ICS)

- Result of devastating forest fires in California in 1970
- Has since been expanded beyond use just with U.S. firefighting
- Process by which to best manage emergencies through Objectives and Direction

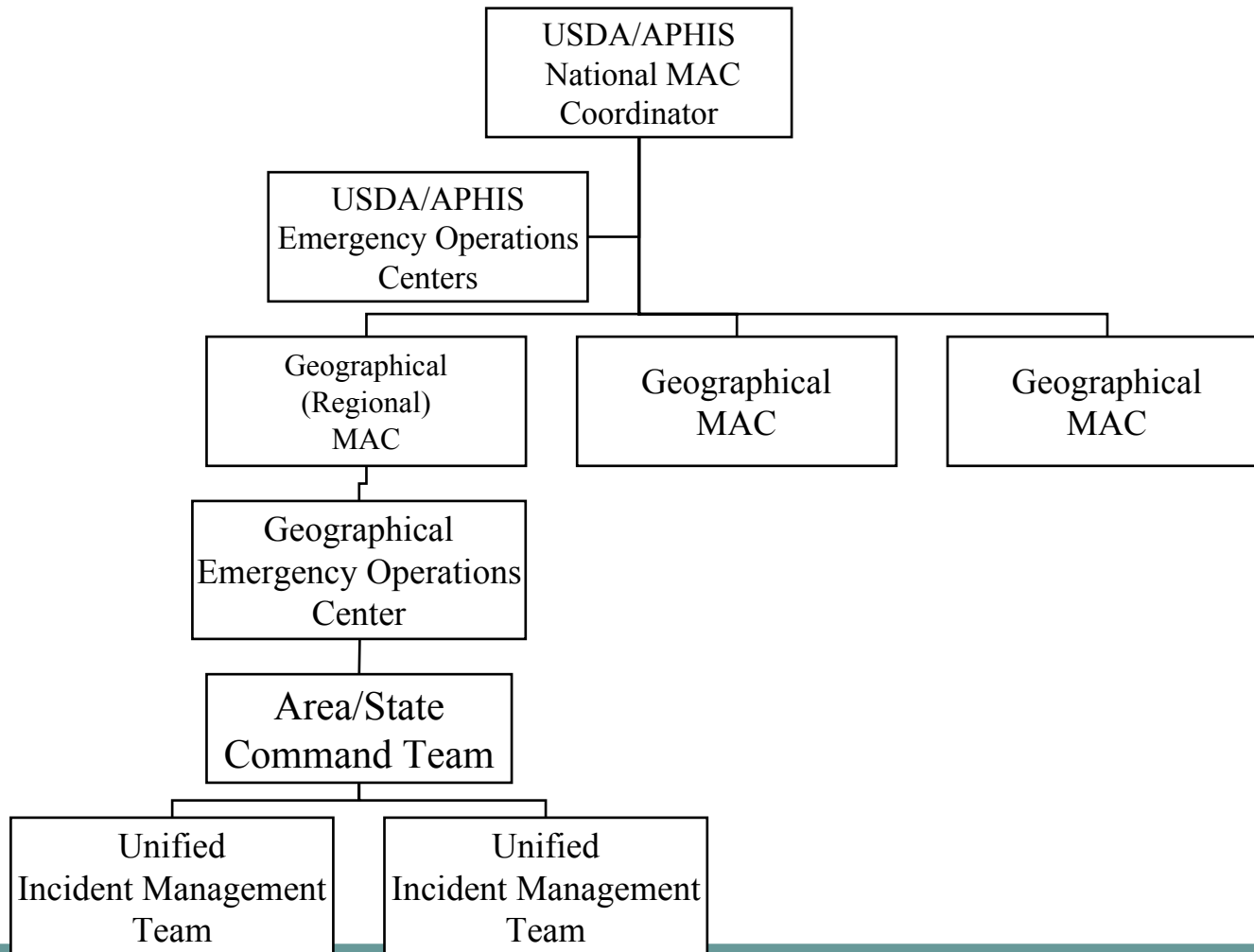
ICS Features

- Training programs,
- Individual qualification criteria, and
- Publications management.

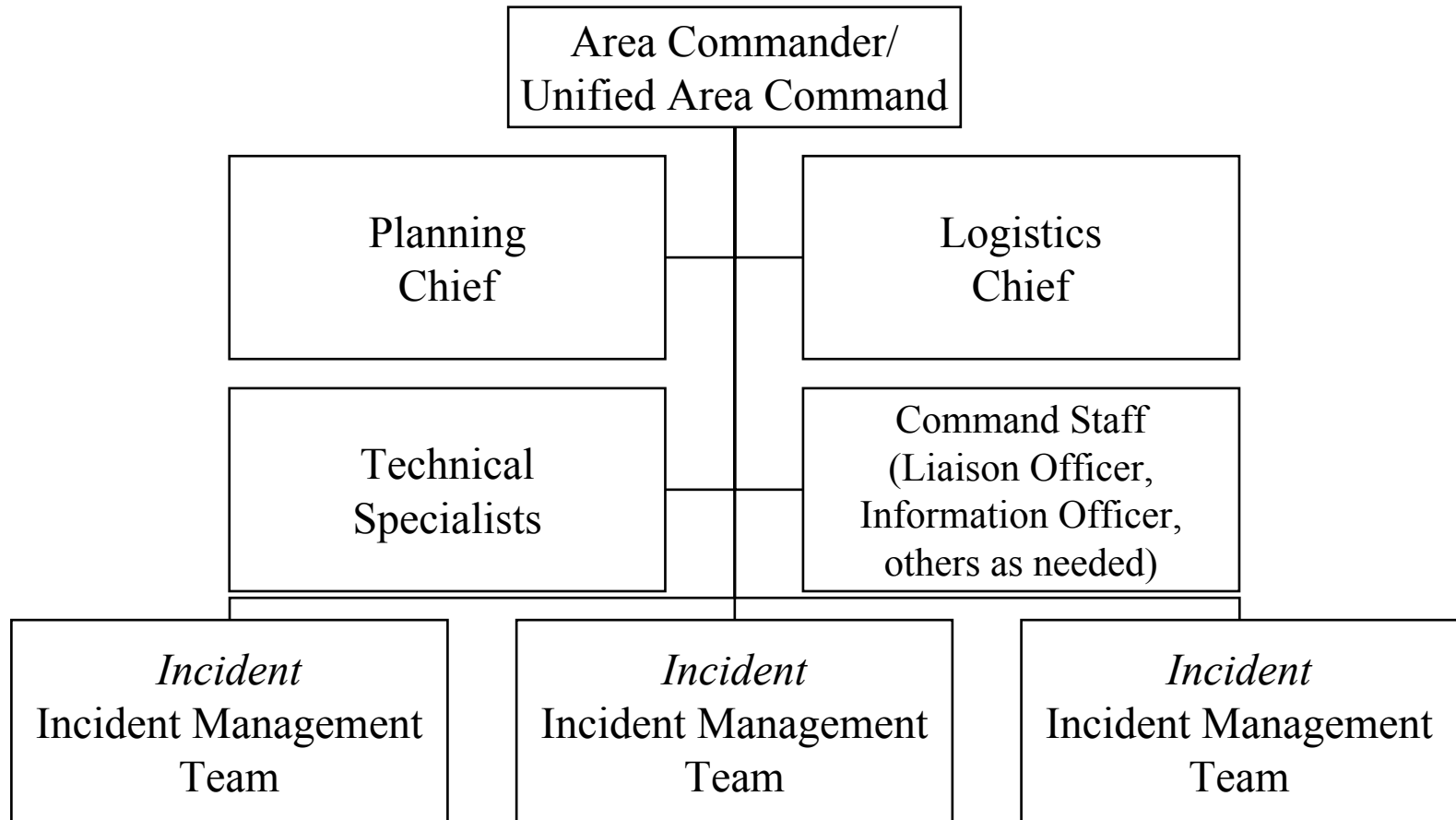
ICS Major Components

- National Multi-Agency Coordination Group
- Emergency Operations Centers
- Geographical Multi-Agency Coordination Groups
- Area Command
- Incident Management Team

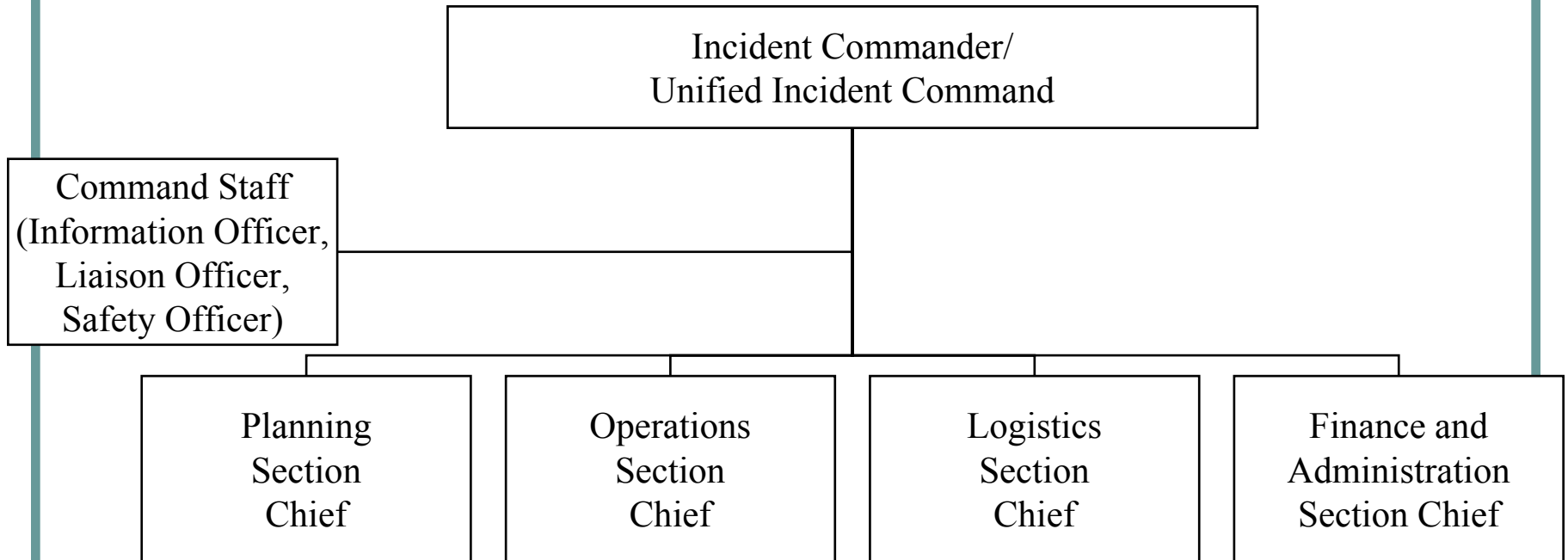
National Incident Management Team Structure



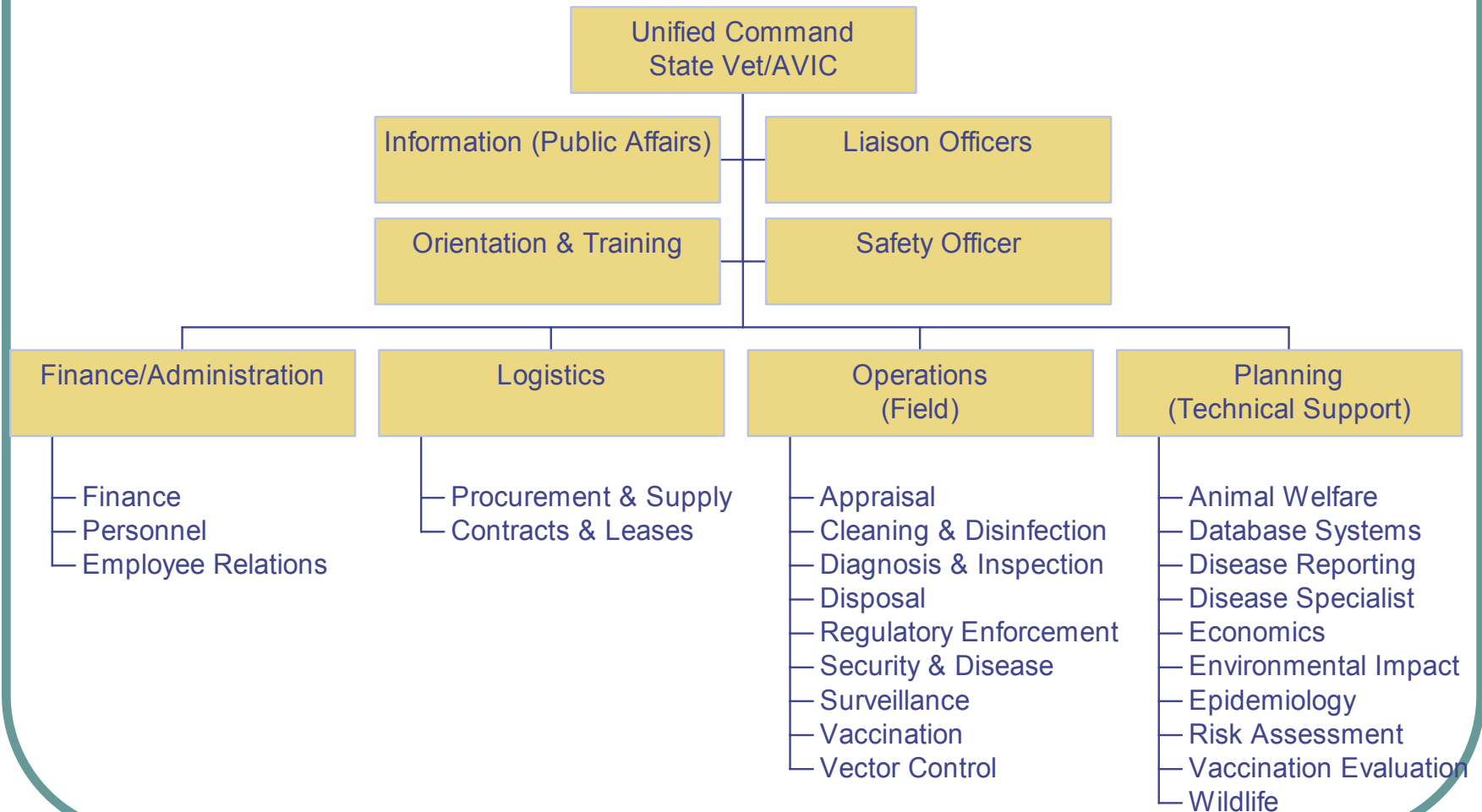
Area Command Team (in each State)



Incident Management Team



Animal Emergency Response Organization



Benefits of the Adoption of this Integrated Interagency System

- *Control*
- *Communication*
- *Consistency*
- *Coordination and interaction*
- *Connectivity*

Incident Command System Training

- F.E.M.A. Emergency Management Institute
 - www.fema.gov/emi
- Forest Services training center at
 - www.nwcg.gov/pms/pms.htm
- USDA, APHIS at
 - www.usda.gov/aphis/vs/training